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1. BRITISH EMBASSY WORKING LEVEL HAS INFORMED US THAT A SENIOR SCIENCE ADVISOR TO THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "STEERING COMMITTEE" PLANNING THE GDR OBSERVANCE OF THE EINSTEIN CENTENNIAL. DEFENCE ASKED FCO FOR GUIDANCE WHICH, IN TURN, INFORMED THE UK EMBASSY HERE. THE INVITATION TO THE BRITISH SCIENTIST DID NOT GO THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND WAS THEREFORE ONLY LEARNED ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE RECIPIENT'S CONNECTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

2. THE PRELIMINARY BRITISH VIEW IN EAST BERLIN IS THAT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SUCH GDR ACTIVITIES, WHICH WILL INEVITABLY BE PROPAGANDISTIC IN NATURE, SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED AT LEAST FOR PERSONS WITH OFFICIAL UK CONNECTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE BRITISH
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WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANY AMERICANS HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR INVITATIONS AND WHAT THE USG POSITION ON PARTICIPATION WILL BE.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION YET ON THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE GDR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE PLANS TO COMMEMORATE THE EINSTEIN CENTENNIAL. PRESS ARTICLES

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ON EINSTEIN HAVE USED THE THEME THAT GDR REFLECTS
THE SPIRIT OF EINSTEIN'S HUMANISTIC WORK AND IS THE
TRUE HEIR OF GERMANY'S HUMANISTIC TRADITIONS.

4. AMERICAN (AS WELL AS OTHER) SCIENTISTS CAN BE
EXPECTED TO RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS DIRECTLY. THIS
HAS BEEN THE PATTERN IN THE PAST IN SIMILAR OBSERVANCES
FOR FIGURES WITH NO AMERICAN CONNECTION. IN VIEW OF
EINSTEIN'S LONG YEARS IN THE U.S., IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT
MORE AMERICANS THAN USUAL MAY BE INVITED, INCLUDING SOME
OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING. WE WOULD OBSERVE THAT CON-
TACTS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS FROM THE GDR AND WESTERN
COUNTRIES COULD BE HELPFUL IN BROADENING THE PERSPECTIVES
OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN THIS TECHNOLOGICALLY-
ORIENTED COUNTRY, AND WOULD THUS BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR
GOALS OF WORKING TOWARD INTERNAL LIBERALIZATION. BOLEN

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